

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 212  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Korey Clifton on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of this nation's greatest assets, providing young people ages six to twenty with an educational program geared toward character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest accomplishment a Boy Scout can attain is the rank of Eagle Scout and Korey Brice Clifton, after considerable hard work and preparation, has been selected to join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Korey is the son of proud parents, Terry L and Debra L. Clifton, and resides with his family and two dogs in Bartlett, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Korey won the schoolwide Science Fairs each year in the first through eighth grades and won the city science fairs in four of those years. He participated in band in the seventh through ninth grades, and in the ninth grade was selected a member of the elite All-West Tennessee Band; and

WHEREAS, he is a popular and highly regarded junior in the optional program at White Station High School; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the school football team, as a sophomore, Korey won the White Station Geography Fair and the celebrated National Latin Exam Gold Medal; and has

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received the Citizenship, Honor Roll, and Perfect Attendance certificates throughout his

high school years. He was selected a member of the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in the true spirit of the Volunteer State, Korey tutors and helps first grade children at the Balmoral Elementary School after school, and assists various teachers at his school; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully serves God as an active member of the Cherry Road Baptist Church in Memphis and has participated on the church baseball and basketball teams for many years; and

WHEREAS, Korey began his illustrious scouting career as a Tiger Cub in 1986; he has earned an enviable twenty-eight Merit Badges and was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1993; and

WHEREAS, presently the senior patrol leader, he has served Boy Scout Troop #23 admirably as assistant patrol leader, troop guide, patrol leader, and assistant senior patrol leader; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary Eagle project, painting playground equipment and bleachers and removing a tree at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, benefited his community significantly; and

WHEREAS, Korey plans to attend a four-year university, pursue a major in either marine biology or geophysics, and pursue a career which reflects his love for animals, the earth and nature; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle Scout ceremony is June 20, 1997 at the Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Korey Clifton as one of the best and brightest young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate and honor Korey Clifton on becoming an Eagle Scout, commend him for his exemplary Eagle project, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.